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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A broadcasting method comprising the steps of:
broadcasting a ~~begin-store~~ start command and contents from a broadcaster in a first time period ~~to a receiving side~~, said ~~begin-store~~ start command causing said contents to be stored ~~on~~ into a storage medium at the receiving side; and
broadcasting a play command from the broadcaster in a second time period subsequent to said first time period to the receiving side after broadcasting the contents, said play command causing said contents stored ~~on~~ into said storage medium to be retrieved for output of the contents,
wherein said contents retrieved from said storage medium are outputted in a third time period, which is different from said first time period, and is pre-specified by the broadcaster.

2. (Currently Amended) A broadcasting method according to claim 1,
wherein said contents broadcast in said first time period are encrypted, and
wherein said play command broadcast in said second time period includes a decryption key for decrypting the encrypted contents, and

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wherein said contents stored in said storage medium are protected against unauthorized decryption and output in any time period except for said third time period.

3. (Original) A broadcasting method according to claim 1, wherein said contents broadcast in said first time period includes an identifier identifying said contents, and wherein said play command broadcast in said second time period includes an identifier allowing said contents to be retrieved from said storage medium for output.

4. (Currently Amended) A broadcasting method according to claim 1, wherein said contents broadcast in said first time period include an end store command for terminating the storing of said contents ~~into~~into said storage medium.

5. (Currently Amended) A broadcast receiver comprising:
a receiver which receives contents and a ~~begin-store~~ start command broadcasted from a broadcaster in a first time period, and then receives a play command broadcasted from the broadcaster in a second time period subsequent to said first time period, wherein said store start command causes said contents to be stored, and wherein said play command causes the stored contents to be retrieved for output;

a storage medium which stores said contents received; and

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a processor which stores said contents ~~enteinto~~ said storage medium in accordance with the received ~~begin-store~~ start command and retrieves said contents from said storage medium for output when it finds the play command is received and wherein said contents retrieved from said storage medium are outputted in a third time period, which is different from said first time period, and is pre-specified by the broadcaster.

6. (Currently Amended) A broadcast receiver according to claim 5, wherein said contents broadcast in said first time period are encrypted,
wherein said play command broadcast in said second time period includes a decryption key for decrypting the encrypted contents, and
wherein said processor retrieves the encrypted contents from said storage medium and decrypts the retrieved contents for output in said third time period pre-specified by the broadcaster, and
wherein said processor protects the encrypted contents stored in said storage medium against unauthorized decryption and output in any time period except for said third time period.

7. (Currently Amended) A broadcast receiver according to claim 5, wherein said contents broadcasted in said first time period and stored ~~on~~ in said storage medium include a first identifier identifying said contents,
wherein said play command includes a second identifier, and

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_____ wherein said processor retrieves for playback said contents stored ~~en~~in said storage medium along with said first identifier if said first identifier coincides with said second identifier included in said play command.

8. (Currently Amended) A broadcast receiver according to claim 5, wherein said contents broadcasted in said first time period include an end store command for terminating the storing of said contents ~~ente~~into said storage medium, and
_____ wherein said processor terminates the storing of said contents ~~ente~~into said storage medium the moment said end store command is received.

9. (Original) A broadcast receiver according to claim 6, wherein said processor stores the received decryption key into a memory and deletes said decryption key from said memory after decrypting the encrypted contents using said decryption key.

10. (Currently Amended) A broadcasting method comprising the steps of:
broadcasting, by a broadcaster, a ~~begin-store~~ start command and contents to be stored ~~ente~~into a storage medium at a receiving side in a first time period; and
broadcasting a play command from the broadcaster in a second time period subsequent to said first time period to the receiving side after broadcasting the contents, said broadcasting play command causing said contents stored ~~en~~in said

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storage medium to be output for playing in a third time period, which is different from said first time period, and is pre-specified by the broadcaster.

11. (Currently Amended) A program stored ~~on~~in a computer readable storage medium executing a contents playback method on a computer, comprising instructions of:

finding a ~~begin-store~~ start command in a broadcast,

storing a contents subsequent to said broadcasted ~~begin-store~~ start command in a storage medium at a receiving side,

finding a play command in a broadcast, said broadcasted play command includes an identifier which identifies a contents broadcasted beforehand and stored in said storage medium, and

playing the contents identified with said broadcasted play command, from said storage medium, ~~when said broadcasted play command is found in the broadcast~~in a third time period, which is different from said first time period, and is pre-specified by the broadcaster.

12. (Currently Amended) A program stored ~~on~~in a computer readable storage medium according to claim 11, wherein said contents broadcast are encrypted, and said play command broadcast includes a decryption key for decrypting the encrypted contents, and

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_____ wherein said step for playing includes a step for decrypting the contents before playing,

_____ wherein the decrypted contents are played in said third time period pre-specified by the broadcaster, and

_____ wherein said encrypted contents stored in said storage medium are protected against unauthorized decryption and output in any time period except said third time period.

13. (Currently Amended) A program stored ~~on~~in a computer readable storage medium according to claim 11, further comprising steps of:

finding an end store command in a broadcast; and

terminating the storing of contents ~~on~~into said storage medium the moment said end store command is received.

14. (Currently Amended) A program stored ~~on~~in a computer readable storage medium according to claim 12, further comprising a step of deleting said decryption key after decrypting the encrypted contents.